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SUBJ: KHMER AT 29TH GA: ASIAN WORKING GROUP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11

SUMMARY: ASIAN WORKING GROUP STAFF LEVEL SEPTEMBER
11 DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS TO PRESERVE GKR
POSITION AT 29TH GA. GROUP TO RESUME DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 12.
END SUMMARY:

1. JAPANESE MINISTER OHTAKA LATE SEPTEMBER 11 SUMMARIZED FOR
US RESULTS OF ASIAN WORKING GROUP STAFF LEVEL CONSULTATIONS
HELD AT JAPANESE MISSION THAT AFTER NOON UNDER THAI CHAIRMAN. IN
ADDITION TO THAILAND AND JAPAN, PARTICIPANTS WERE FIJI, INDONESIA,
MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND KHMER.

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR RESUMPTION OF
ASIAN GROUP AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR
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3. SEPTEMBER 11 STAFF LEVEL MEETING FOCUSED INITIALLY ON JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR RESOLUTION THAT WOULD: (A) ENCOURAGE CAMBODIAN ANTAGONISTS TO NEGOTIATE; (B) CALL FOR ALL GOVERNMENTS TO RESPECT EFFORTS BY CAMBODIANS TO SOLVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEMSELVES; (C) CALL FOR SYG'S GOOD OFFICES TOWARD SOLUTION. JAPANESE EXPLAINED INTENTION WAS NOT TO INSIST ON THIS AS SOLE ALTERNATIVE BUT AS IDEA FOR ASIAN CONSIDERATION.

4. ACCORDING TO OHTAKA, THAI CHAIRMAN (KASEMSRI) SOUGHT AT MEETING TO SET ASIDE JAPANESE PROPOSAL AND TO HAVE GROUP FOCUS ON MEANS TO OBTAIN ENDORSEMENT OF UN FACT-FINDING MISSION. THAI LINE WAS ACCEPTED IN GENERAL, BUT GKR PERMREP CHHUT CHHOEUR AND OTHERS SUPPORTED JAPANESE IDEA AS ONE THAT SHOULD BE KEPT ALIVE AT LEAST FOR PURPOSE OF DRAWING UPON IT IN FORMULATING A FACT-FINDING PROPOSAL.

5. JAPANESE AGREED AT MEETING TO THAI REQUEST THAT JAPANESE, IN CONSULTATION WITH USUN STAFF, RESEARCH BASES FOR FACT-FINDING MISSION IN UN CHARTER, GA RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRECEDENT, AND TO WORK WITH KHMER AND USUN ON VOTING ASSESSMENTS.

6. GROUP BRIEFLY DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES TO ATTEMPTING TO INSCRIBE PRO-GKR ITEM AS MEANS TO OBTAIN PRIORITY. (WE UNDERSTAND AWG UNLIKELY TO PURSUE THIS IDEA FURTHER.)

7. GROUP AGREED TO RESUME CONSULTATIONS LATE SEPTEMBER 12 WITH CONTINUING TARGET OF HAVING DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 13.
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